WHEREAS, the information collected through SIRIS provides SUNY with necessary and accessible data which can be used to better inform our understanding of higher education issues, including but not limited to student success, transfer and articulation, and remediation, and

WHEREAS, the information collected through SIRIS will be valuable in supporting the SUNY strategic plan, and

WHEREAS, principles on the appropriate use of information were advanced in the 1998 Report of the Provost’s Advisory Task Force on the Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes, and “reaffirmed and reiterated” in the September 2009 Report of the Provost’s Advisory Group on the SUNY Assessment Initiative, as expressed in the following statement:

“…the purpose of assessment is for the excellence and improvement in programs, pedagogy and student learning, not for the evaluation or comparison of persons, programs, or institutions”

and

WHEREAS, those principles are endorsed by the UFS, the NYCCAP, the SUNY Chief Academic Officers and the Student Assembly, and

WHEREAS, the collection of data and use of data is essential to participatory decision making in shared governance, be it therefore,

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges calls for the formation of an advisory committee to the Senior Vice Chancellor and Provost and the Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer to develop and recommend system-wide policies and practices for gathering data from campuses throughout the system and its appropriate use, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the committee should have broad representation, including representatives from the Faculty Council of Community Colleges, the University Faculty Senate, the New York Community Colleges Association of Presidents, the SUNY Chief Academic Officers, and the Student Assembly.

Approved Unanimously